November 15, 2024
Fair Political Practices Commission
Attn: Commission Assistant
via Email: commasst@fppc.ca.gov

Re: AB 1170 - Electronic Filing of Statements of Economic Interests

The City of Glendora is part of the 60% of California cities that use Netfile software for the Statement of Economic Interest filings, providing ease of filing to all filers and immediate transparency to members of the public.

I'm writing to express concern with the new rule that 87200 filers must file using the FPPC's e-filing system rather than the Netfile system, which was approved for use by the FPPC. Doing so will make it more difficult for filers as they typically have expanded statements for various other agencies and can complete those in one entry using Netfile, but they won't be able to do so in the FPPC's system unless provisions will be made to accommodate it. Additionally, this will make it more difficult for clerks to track whether they've filed and for the public to view the statements currently available on city websites in one centralized and user-friendly searchable location.

I respectfully request that the FPPC consider making an exception for previously approved filing platforms and continue allowing our 87200 filers to use the current systems.

Sincerely,

Kathleen R. Sessman
City Clerk/Communications Director
City of Glendora

